

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Colonel Richard L.
2 Griffith.

3 *Whereas, Colonel Richard L. Griffith was appointed*
4 *Commander of the Indiana Wing of the Civil Air Patrol in*
5 *February 2010;*

6 *Whereas, The trained, unpaid professionals of the Civil*
7 *Air Patrol perform ninety percent of inland search and*
8 *rescue missions for the United States Air Force and disaster*
9 *relief missions;*

10 *Whereas, The State of Indiana boasts more than 1,300*
11 *search and rescue volunteers with local units in more than*
12 *thirty communities across Indiana;*

13 *Whereas, Colonel Griffith became a Civil Air Patrol*
14 *cadet in 1989, a senior member in 1995, and received Air*
15 *Force commission in 1997;*

16 *Whereas, Colonel Griffith's Air Force career included*
17 *deployment to Baghdad, Iraq and relief operations following*
18 *Hurricane Katrina;*

19 *Whereas, Under Colonel Griffith's leadership, the*
20 *Indiana Wing demonstrated exemplary operational efficiency*
21 *and effectiveness in the missions of search and rescue,*



1 counter drug, homeland security, and disaster relief
2 operations;

3 Whereas, Under Colonel Griffith's leadership, the
4 Indiana Wing's Counter Drug program, a highly successful
5 partnership between the Indiana State Police and the Civil
6 Air Patrol, is estimated to have eradicated recreational
7 drugs with a street value of more than fifty million dollars;

8 Whereas, Under Colonel Griffith's leadership, the United
9 States Air Force and Civil Air Patrol have repeatedly
10 recognized the Indiana Wing's high performing emergency
11 services programs. The Indiana Wing received the 2010,
12 2011, and 2012 Counter Drug and Homeland Security
13 Mission Awards, the 2010 Civil Air Patrol Counter Drug
14 Officer of the Year Award, and the 2012 Disaster Relief
15 Mission Award;

16 Whereas, Under Colonel Griffith's leadership, the
17 Indiana Wing conducted flood response operations in a
18 variety of counties across the State of Indiana, and provided
19 both ground-based emergency response teams and ongoing
20 air-based photography and transportation support following
21 the Henryville and Marysville tornados;

22 Whereas, Under Colonel Griffith's leadership, the
23 Indiana Wing's science and technology education and youth
24 leadership efforts have also been recognized for high
25 achievement through receiving an "Outstanding" grade in a
26 receiving United States Air Force inspection, the 2010 and
27 2011 Cadet Programs Mission Awards;

28 Whereas, Colonel Griffith has been a champion of
29 coordinating the Civil Air Patrol School Program, involving
30 educators and community leaders in Anderson in a
31 partnership to charter the Anderson Preparatory Academy,
32 the largest squadron in Civil Air Patrol, which utilizes Civil
33 Air Patrol's cadet curriculum for all 240 middle school
34 students;



1 *Whereas, Under Colonel Griffith's leadership, the*
 2 *Indiana Wing has entered into a partnership with*
 3 *Indianapolis Public Schools to provide Civil Air Patrol's*
 4 *science and technology curriculum to nearly 500 elementary*
 5 *and middle school students at Indianapolis Public School*
 6 *#19;*

7 *Whereas, Under Colonel Griffith's leadership, the*
 8 *Indiana Wing has provided more than 730 hours of free*
 9 *orientation flights to Indiana Wing students;*

10 *Whereas, Under Colonel Griffith's leadership, Indiana*
 11 *Wing pilots and aircrews were ranked in the top ten wings in*
 12 *the country for flying hours, flew a total of 6,972 hours*
 13 *without any safety incidents, and received the 2012 Paul W.*
 14 *Turner Safety Award in Recognition for having the best*
 15 *safety program in Civil Air Patrol; and*

16 *Whereas, Colonel Richard Griffith's outstanding*
 17 *leadership has resulted in the Indiana Wing receiving twenty-*
 18 *one individual and team awards from regional and national*
 19 *headquarters, a seventy-seven percent increase in Wing*
 20 *membership, and the first Civil Air Patrol Unit Citation*
 21 *Award for Indiana Wing in twenty-two years: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 23 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

24 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
 25 distinguished itself during Colonel Griffith's leadership through
 26 adherence to the organization's core values, focus on Civil Air Patrol's
 27 missions, and dedication to serving the needs of the community.

28 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
 29 Colonel Richard L. Griffith on his outstanding term as Wing
 30 Commander of the Indiana Wing of Civil Air Patrol, and wishes him
 31 continued success in future endeavors.

32 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 33 transmit copies of this Resolution to outgoing Indiana Wing



- 1 Commander Colonel Richard L. Griffith, and to the incoming Wing
- 2 Commander Colonel (Sel.) Matthew R. Creed.

